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SUBJECT: KHUKRIT ON HIS HEALTH AND THE BUDGET

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1. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF PRIME
MINISTER KHUKRIT PRAMOT'S NEWS CONFERENCE OF OCTOBER 2,
1975.

REPORTER: WHAT ILLNESS ARE YOU SUFFERING FROM?

KHUKRIT: MY STOMACH HAS BEEN UPSET SEVERAL DAYS MAKING
ME FEEL WEAK AND TIRED. THE DOCTOR SAYS IT IS A KIND OF
COLD; IT AFFECTS THE EARS AND MAKES ME FEEL DIZZY. THAT
IS ALL.

REPORTER: WILL YOU HAVE TO TAKE A FURTHER REST?

KHUKRIT: NO, IT ISN'T NECESSARY. I HAD A REST FOR ONE
DAY AND A HALF.

REPORTER: HAVE YOU HEARD THAT THE OPPOSITION DEMOCRAT
PARTY SAYS PARLIAMENT WILL HAVE TO BE DISSOLVED, OR ELSE
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO RESIGN? WHAT IS YOUR VIEW?

KHUKRIT: SUCH A STATEMENT IS TO BE EXPECTED FROM THE
OPPOSITION.

REPORTER: DO YOU INTEND TO TAKE THE ADVICE GIVEN?

KHUKRIT: I AM NOT THE OPPOSITION

REPORTER: DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PRAMAN ADIREKSAN EXPRESSED
HIS VIEW THAT IF THE BUDGET BILL IS NOT PASSED BY
PARLIAMENT, PARLIAMENT SHOULD BE DISSOLVED RATHER THAN FOR
THE GOVERNMENT TO RESIGN. ARE YOU OF THE SAME VIEW?

KHUKRIT: NO COMMENT. WAIT AND SEE.

REPORTER: DO YOU FEEL CONFIDENT THAT THE BUDGET BILL
WILL BE PASSED IN ALL STAGES BY PARLIAMENT?

KHUKRIT: I BELIEVE IT WILL BE PASSED.
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